

AN INCREASE IN EXPORTS

Interesting Figures of Government Statistician on Values of Manufactured Articles.

SHOW ENORMOUS INCREASE

Principal Ten Items Foot Up Many Millions Each—Now Equal Value of Agricultural Products Shipped Abroad.

The fact that the exports of manufactures from the United States in the fiscal year just ended were the largest in the history of our commerce, and that during the last three months they have actually exceeded the value of agricultural products exported, lends interest to some figures just compiled by the department of commerce and labor through its bureau of statistics, showing the growth in the exports of principal manufactured articles from 1870 to 1904, and the increase in importations of materials for use in manufacturing during the same period.

The statement divides the manufactures into ten great groups—iron and steel, mineral oils, copper, agricultural implements, wood manufactures, chemicals, drugs and dyes, leather and manufactures thereof, cotton manufactures, paraffin and paper and manufactures thereof. Iron and steel shows the largest total, being in round terms 112 million dollars; mineral oils, 72 millions; copper, 57 millions; leather, 34 millions; agricultural implements, 23 millions; chemicals, 13 millions; wood manufactures, nearly 13 millions; paraffin, over 8 millions, and paper, over 7 million dollars.

Iron and steel and copper show remarkable growth during the period of 34 years, the growth in iron and steel having been from 13 million dollars in 1870 to \$111,948,586 in 1904; and copper, from a half million dollars in 1870 to 57 millions in 1904. Mineral oils increased from 30 millions to 72 millions during the same period; leather, from less than 1 million to over 33 millions; cotton manufactures, from less than 4 millions to 22 millions; agricultural implements, from 1 million to over 22 millions.

These 10 articles or groups of articles form about 80 per cent of the total manufactures exported. In 1870 their total amounted to less than 60 million dollars, and in 1904 amounted to about 262 millions. Copper shows a remarkable growth, especially during the last decade. From 1870 to 1892 the exportations of copper were small, seldom exceeding 5 million dollars. In 1894, however, there was an increase to practically 20 million dollars; by 1898 the total exceeded 30 millions; by 1900 it was over 50 millions, and in the fiscal 1904 was over 57 million dollars, as compared with \$504,741 in 1870. Leather manufactures also show a marked gain, having been but \$673,331 in 1870, and \$33,980,615 in 1904.

Equally interesting with the growth in exportation of manufactures is the growth in importation of foreign material required for use in manufacturing. Curiously, manufacturers' materials imported in 1904 are almost identical in value with finished manufactures exported. The raw materials imported for use in manufacturing amounted

to 136 million dollars, making a total of 457 millions of manufactures' materials, imported (as against 452 million dollars' worth of finished manufactures exported. These manufactures' materials include raw silk, fibers, india rubber, hides and skins, furs and fur skins, chemicals, drugs and dyes, wool, cotton, wood, tin and iron and steel, and sundry other articles in a partially manufactured state.

COMMISSION WILL REPORT.

Investigated Fraudulent Entries of Government Lands. Washington, Sept. 16.—Gifford Pinchot, chief of the forestry bureau of the government, and F. H. Newell, chief hydrographer of the United States geological survey, who are members of the government public land commission have returned to Washington from a trip through the western states, undertaken to determine how the various land laws are being carried out and to gather information for use in adjusting vexed land problems. They found that the timber and stone act was taken advantage of in Washington, Oregon and other parts of the extreme northwest more than anywhere else, and that the desert land act was used most extensively in parts of Montana. Conclusions reached by the commission will be formulated into a report to be submitted to the president before the convening of congress in December.

FIRE IN EAST ST. LOUIS.

Cold Storage Plant Destroyed in East St. Louis. St. Louis, Sept. 16.—At 4:15 a. m. a big fire broke out in East St. Louis, Ill. across the river. Telephone communication has been interrupted but it is reported that Sloan's cold storage plant is being consumed, a structure which had been recently erected at a cost of \$50,000. The cause of the fire is not known.

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